

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

TRIBUTE TO CLARK KOLP

HON. JOHN A. BOEHNER

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, November 6, 1995

Mr. BOEHNER. Mr. Speaker, I want to recognize Mr. Clark Kolp, who is retiring as the Van Wert County Republican chairman.

Carl Kolp served his country during World War II as a navigator in the European theater. He later served his country and the citizens of Ohio as administrative assistant to Bill O'Neill when he served as both attorney general and Governor. Over his political career, Clark has built a reputation as a strong manager and a leader. He continued his tradition of civic service by serving as Van Wert County Republican Party chairman.

Gentle, serious and always brutally honest, you can count on Clark to "give it to you straight." Like the father of the Republican Party, Abraham Lincoln, Clark values honesty and integrity. At a time when these values are certainly not synonymous with politics, Clark led the Van Wert County Republicans with a steady hand and honest approach to do the right thing.

Abraham Lincoln said, "Stand with anybody that stands right. Stand with him while he is right and part with him when he goes wrong." Like Abe Lincoln, Clark Kolp attained success, admiration, and a positive image by maintaining his integrity and honesty. Although there may have been some who questioned his political affiliations or strategies, they never doubted his integrity.

It is no coincidence that Van Wert County is a bastion of Republican voters. It just didn't happen. Clark Kolp made it happen. For years, Clark has worked to promote Republican values and elect those who share his vision for better government. Clark is known throughout the State of Ohio. Here is the political veteran who GOP leaders throughout the

State seek out for wisdom when running for office.

Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride and admiration that I rise to recognize Clark Kolp for his service as Van Wert County Republican chairman. For those of us who know him for his service to his community and to his country, we are grateful. For those of us who are fortunate to call him our friend, may God bless him with a long and fruitful retirement.

THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF BROOKDALE COLLEGE'S GUAYAQUIL, ECUADOR, LEARNING CENTER

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Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, this year marks the 10th anniversary of the Guayaquil Learning Center in Guayaquil, Ecuador. The learning center is under the auspices of Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, NJ, a wonderful educational facility which serves thousands of my constituents. I am extremely proud to extend my congratulations to Brookdale, the County College of Monmouth, on this important occasion.

Mr. Speaker, the program in Ecuador was established in September 1985 with 29 students. Over the past 10 years, the center has served 1,481 students. Located in the Los Ceibos neighborhood of Guayaquil, the center provides college counseling for local residents, an intensive Spanish language program for Monmouth County residents, and a volunteer social service program for residents of our county. In addition, the center provides an international study site for more than 120 students a year from colleges all over the United States. The center serves two major consortia: The College Consortium for International Stud-

ies, which includes 170 colleges, and the Partnership for Service Learning, consisting of 155 colleges. Many U.S. colleges have selected the center as their study site in Latin America. The University of South Carolina and Florida Atlantic University have selected the center as a site to offer their programs in business administration. Guayaquil is one of the biggest international U.S. community college programs in the world.

But, Mr. Speaker, the services provided by the Guayaquil Center do not only benefit New Jerseyans or others from around the United States. The center is also a study site for some 450 Ecuadorian students before they transfer to Brookdale and more than 600 other colleges in the United States. Thus, we can clearly see that the Guayaquil Center provides excellent educational opportunities for people from both cultures.

While the success of Guayaquil Center is a tribute to the energy and talents of many people, I would like to pay tribute to some of the principals involved both in the opening and currently. Dr. Bob Barringer, Dr. Margaret Gwynne, Dr. Gregory DeCinque, Arnold Gelfman, James V. Palumbo, Elaine Baran, and Albert Eyde were involved in the founding of the program. Currently involved are Dr. Johanna Kobran, Paul Zigo, Harvey Schmelter-Davis, and Al Eyde. Brookdale's president, Dr. Peter Burnham, also deserves great credit for his leadership.

Mr. Speaker, the Guayaquil Learning Center places Brookdale Community College as a leader in international education. For me, and all people of Monmouth County, it is yet another reason for great pride in our excellent county college, which provides educational opportunities for people of all ages and interests. I am honored to pay tribute to Brookdale on the occasion of the 10th anniversary of the Guayaquil Learning Center.

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